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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jung (John) Hur	2824	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/25/04, 5/19/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: search history.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Form PTO-1449, filed 25 June 2004 and 19 May 2005. The information disclosed therein has been considered.

Drawings

3. New formal drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings, filed 25 March 2004, appear to be informal. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

4. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds 150 words in length and uses the form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means." Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

5. Claim 14 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Specifically, claim 14 fails to further limit the sense amplifier system of claim 11. For the purpose of further examination, claim 14 will be understood as an independent claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1-21 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claims 1, 10 and 14 , the prior arts of record do not disclose or suggest a sense amplifier system or a non-volatile passive matrix-addressable memory device as recited in claim 1, 10 or 14, and particularly, first and second pseudo-differential reference sense amplifiers being respectively connected with an output node (or first or second common output node) of one of the first and second charge reference means and adapted for generating output reference signals to a common reference node for sensing the charge of a passive addressable charge-storing

means (or the charges of a plurality of passive addressable charge-storing means, or the polarization states of the memory cells).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kuroda (U.S. Pat. No. 5,524,093)

Tran et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,385,111)

Nair (U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,568)

Nair et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,611,448)

Thompson et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,788,563)

Ooishi (U.S. Pat. No. 6,809,976)

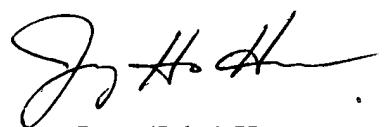
Chow (U.S. Pat. No. 6,876,567)

Chow et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,914,839)

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jung (John) Hur whose telephone number is (571) 272-1870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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